

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims provided herein shall replace all prior versions and listings of the pending claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The assembly according to claim~~
~~1~~ An assembly for housing an electrical energy storage
device, comprising:

a support structure disposed within a vehicle passenger
compartment for supporting the electrical energy storage
device;

a combined housing/console structure for concealing, at
least partially, said support structure and the electrical
energy storage device, wherein said combined housing/console
structure comprises comprising at least one ventilation
opening; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for
mounting on said combined housing/console structure.

3. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim
~~12~~, wherein said combined housing/console structure comprises
at least one console feature.

4. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim
~~12~~, wherein said housing cover comprises at least one
ventilation opening.

5. (currently amended) ~~The assembly according to claim~~
~~1~~, An assembly for housing an electrical energy storage
device, comprising:

a support structure disposed within a vehicle passenger compartment for supporting the electrical energy storage device;

a combined housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said support structure and the electrical energy storage device; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined housing/console structure and wherein said housing cover comprises a storage compartment.

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6. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 12, wherein said housing cover comprises at least one side removably attached to the housing/console structure.

7. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 12, wherein said housing cover is detachable from said housing/console structure.

8. (currently amended) ~~The assembly according to claim 12~~
An assembly for housing an electrical energy storage device, comprising:

a support structure disposed within a vehicle passenger compartment for supporting the electrical energy storage device;

a combined housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said support structure and the electrical energy storage device; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined housing/console structure, wherein said housing cover is fixedly attached to and in cooperation with said housing/console structure on one side such that said housing cover can be lifted and swung off said housing/console structure to form an accessory support structure.

9. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 12, further comprising means for affixing said housing cover to said combined housing/console structure.

10. (currently amended) ~~The assembly according to claim 1, further comprising~~ An assembly for housing an electrical energy storage device, comprising:

a support structure disposed within a vehicle passenger compartment for supporting the electrical energy storage device;

a combined housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said support structure and the electrical energy storage device; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined housing/console structure; and

accessory support means attached to said housing/console structure.

11. (currently amended) ~~The assembly according to claim 1, further comprising~~ An assembly for housing an electrical energy storage device, comprising:

a support structure disposed within a vehicle passenger compartment for supporting the electrical energy storage device;

a combined housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said support structure and the electrical energy storage device; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined housing/console structure; and

accessory support means attached to said housing cover.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) ~~The battery housing assembly~~
~~according to claim~~ An automobile battery housing assembly
comprising:

a battery support structure disposed within a passenger
compartment of an automobile;

at least one battery unit mounted on said battery support
structure;

a combined battery housing/console structure for
concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure
and said at least one battery unit, wherein said combined
battery housing/console structure comprises at least one
ventilation opening; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for
mounting on said combined battery housing/console structure.

14. (currently amended) The battery housing assembly
according to claim 1213, wherein said combined battery
housing/console structure comprises at least one console
feature.

15. (currently amended) The battery housing assembly
according to claim 1213, wherein said housing cover comprises
at least one ventilation opening.

16. (currently amended) ~~The battery housing assembly~~
~~according to claim 12~~ An automobile battery housing assembly
comprising:

a battery support structure disposed within a passenger
compartment of an automobile;

at least one battery unit mounted on said battery support
structure;

a combined battery housing/console structure for
concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure
and said at least one battery unit; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined battery housing/console structure, wherein said housing cover comprises a storage compartment.

17. (currently amended) The battery housing assembly according to claim 1213, wherein said housing cover comprises at least one side removably attached to said combined battery housing/console structure.

18. (currently amended) The battery housing assembly according to claim 1213, wherein said housing cover is detachable from said combined battery housing/console structure.

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19. (currently amended) ~~The battery housing assembly according to claim 12~~An automobile battery housing assembly comprising:

a battery support structure disposed within a passenger compartment of an automobile;

at least one battery unit mounted on said battery support structure;

a combined battery housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure and said at least one battery unit; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined battery housing/console structure, wherein said housing cover is fixedly attached to and in cooperation with said combined battery housing/console structure on one side such that said housing cover can be lifted and swung off said combined battery housing/console structure to form an accessory support structure.

20. (currently amended) The battery housing assembly according to claim 1213, further comprising means for affixing

said housing cover to said combined battery housing/console structure.

21. (currently amended) ~~The battery housing assembly according to claim 12, further comprising~~ An automobile battery housing assembly comprising:

a battery support structure disposed within a passenger compartment of an automobile;

at least one battery unit mounted on said battery support structure;

a combined battery housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure and said at least one battery unit;

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined battery housing/console structure; and

accessory support means attached to said housing/console structure.

22. (currently amended) ~~The battery housing assembly according to claim 12, further comprising~~ An automobile battery housing assembly comprising:

a battery support structure disposed within a passenger compartment of an automobile;

at least one battery unit mounted on said battery support structure;

a combined battery housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure and said at least one battery unit;

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said combined battery housing/console structure; and

accessory support means attached to said housing cover.

23. (currently amended) An automobile having dual battery systems, comprising:

AS a battery support structure arranged within a passenger compartment of the automobile, said battery support structure being disposed between seats inside the passenger compartment;

at least one battery unit corresponding to one of said battery systems mounted on said battery support structure;

a combined battery housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure and said at least one battery unit; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, for mounting on said battery housing.

24. (original)

25. (original)

26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

28. (canceled)

Please add the following new claim:

AG 29. (new) The automobile according to claim 23, wherein said battery support structure is placed between first row seats inside the passenger compartment.
